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Dear Janet,

Thanks very much for your time on the phone the other day. The concern is that there are probably a number of suicides each year of persons with central nervous system dysfunction caused by undiagnosed sensitivities.

I'm sure that Dr. Steve Corber could confirm for you that there has been a discriminatory attitude towards persons with these problems in the Ottawa-Carleton community since at least the time when he took over as Medical Officer of Health. He could also confirm that Health and Welfare is in agreement with the recommendation of the Ashford-Miller report "Chemical Sensitivities, a report to the New Jersey State Department of Health" which recommends that, in ambiguous cases, chemical sensitivities should be ruled out before an extensive psychiatric workup is done.

I hope you will share with your colleagues at the Health Unit, and in CASP, my belief that there may be as many as one Canadian committing suicide per day as a result of depression, manic depression, or other central nervous system dysfunction triggered by chemical sensitivities.

Sincerely



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